

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN IDSA AND ISS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an agreement has been signed between the Indian Institute of Defence Studies Analysis (IDSA) and Pakistani Institute of Strategic Studies (ISS);
- (b) if so, the aim and objective of the agreement; and
- (c) the salient features thereof and the guidelines framed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The agreement was signed and came into force on February 04, 2008 for a period of five years. The aim and objective of the agreement is to establish academic and scholarly ties between the two Institutes for co-operation in research on national and international security issues, which would include:-

- # Exchange of ideas on issues of common concern through the conduct of scholarly conferences, seminars and 'round-tables';
- # Mutual consultation and exchange of research scholars; Joint research projects; Exchange of research works and publications.
- # Regular meetings between the representatives of the two Institutes.

In order to promote academic research and related form of cooperation, regular meetings between the representatives of the two Institutes shall be held and will work and cooperate closely for the implementation of this agreement. Any differences or difficulties that may arise in its implementation will be settled by mutual consultations. The present agreement entered into force from 4th February, 2008 for a period of five years and can be further extended for subsequent periods of five years at a time unless either gives to the other a written notice three months in advance of its intention to terminate it before its expiry. Any modification and amendments to the text of the Agreement shall be made only through mutual consultation and by the mutual consent.